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SUBJECT: TV EVENING NEWS SURVEY, JUNE 14, 1974

1. NBC OPENS WITH CHANCELLOR RECOUNTING DAY'S EVENTS BUT WITH FOCUS ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT, WHICH SWITCHES TO WASHINGTON FOR ROUNDUP OF NEGATIVE COMMENT FROM CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. JACKSON, SYMINGTON AND CHURCH ARE ON CAMERA QUESTIONING WISDOM OF ARRANGEMENT, AS WITH CHURCH: IT MAKES NO SENSE FROM ANY POINT OF VIEW. COMMENT FROM REPORTER MACKIN: PRESIDENT NIXON AND SECSTATE KISSINGER WILL HAVE THEIR WORK CUT OUT FOR THEM WHEN THEY RETURN FROM THEIR TRIP AND TRY TO SELL THE PACKAGE TO CONGRESS. ANCHORMAN BROKAW REPORTS LATER THAT JUSTICE HAS NOW AGREED TO SEND TO SFRC CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTATION SOUGHT FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW OF HAK'S EARLIER TESTIMONY.

2. CBS HAS PARALLEL TREATMENT OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT, WITH CRONKITE FOCUSING HEAVILY ON POTENTIAL CONTROVERSY THE AGREEMENT WILL AROUSE. ANCHORMAN MUDD TAKES OVER TO REPORT THAT ISRAEL'S REACTION ONE OF UNDERSTATEMENT, WHILE THE QUICK FALLOUT ON CAPITOL HILL IS DESCRIBED BY B. KALB, WHO INTERVIEWS JACKSON (THE EGYPTIANS CAN HAVE A BOMB IN TWO YEARS; LET'S HELP THEM TO INCREASE THEIR LIVING UNCLASSIFIED

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STANDARDS AND NOT THEIR ABILITY TO INCINERATE THE ME), JCAE

CHAIRMAN PRICE (WHO WAS UNDERSTANDING) AND AIKEN (WHO WAS SYMPATHETIC). M. KALB TAKES OVER TO OUTLINE DETAILS OF AGREEMENT AND TO POSE HIS PERSISTENT QUESTION: WHY IS IT SO HARD TO FIND OUT WHY IT IS SO URGENT TO SEND NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY AND MATERIAL INTO THE UNSTABLE ME?

3. ABC TOPS PROGRAM WITH BREZHNEV OFFER ON NUKE TESTING AND FOLLOWS WITH ME TRIP COVERAGE WITH EMPHASIS ON THE EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT, THEN SWITCHES TO EXAMINATION OF NUCLEAR JITTERS ON HILL. AFTER TYPICAL COMMENTARY CITED ABOVE, ABC DECLARES STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT CONGRESS WILL VETO THE PLAN. REASONER CONCLUDED WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTARY:

ON HAK RESIGNATION THREAT: EVEN HENRY KISSINGER MUST BE SURPRISED BY THE ADVICE HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING AFTER HIS SALZBURG PRESS CONFERENCE, NOTING THE COMMENTS OF HOWARD K. SMITH, JAMES RESTON, AND OTHERS. AND ALL APPEARS FORGIVEN -- WITNESS THE SENATE ENDORSEMENT OF HIS ACTIONS. REASONER CAN'T RECALL ANYONE ELSE WHO HAS RECEIVED SUCH SYMPATHY, EVEN WALTER HICKEL AND ELIOT RICHARDSON. PERHAPS, IT IS BECAUSE HE CAN CURL HIS LIPS DOWN WHEN ANGRY AND STILL AROUSE SYMPATHY. BUT ALSO IT IS BECAUSE OF HIS SOLID ACCOMPLISHMENTS. ANYHOW, IT SEEMS LIKELY HE WILL NOT RESIGN. WHILE IT IS CLEAR HE WAS INVOLVED IN WIRE-TAPPING, KISSINGER HAS NOTED HE FEELS IT BOTH WAS NECESSARY AND LEGAL, ALTHOUGH IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN WHAT OTHERS WOULD HAVE EXPECTED OF HIM. HE HIMSELF HAS MADE KNOWN HIS DISTASTE FOR IT.

REASONER CONCLUDES THAT BY YESTERDAY HE WAS UP AGAIN. HE WAS EVEN SEEN TO BE SMILING WHEN THE BELLY DANCER RAN HER FINGERS THROUGH HIS HAIR.

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